

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action of April, 2008. Please note the following:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 9.